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Alcohol and Fireworks Don't Mix! Drink Responsibly this Holiday Weekend

The ILCC Asks the Public to Avoid Using Fireworks While Drinking Alcohol

On Tuesday, July 4th, Americans across the country and State will gather in celebration of America's Independence Day. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) urges drinking celebrants to drink in moderation, know their limits, and remember that alcohol and personal use fireworks are a dangerous combination.

According to the [Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal](#), 120 people in Illinois were injured by fireworks last year.

While professional firework displays are common throughout the State, some people may still celebrate with personal use fireworks, despite most of these fireworks being illegal in Illinois. The ILCC suggests that anyone wishing to enjoy a firework display this holiday weekend check their local municipality's website for more information on professional firework displays near them.

"All fireworks are dangerous and can cause injuries, no matter the size. The danger resulting from mixing fireworks and alcohol significantly increases the probability of injury," **said the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Chief of Enforcement Noel Sanchez**. "The ILCC encourages the public to not light prohibited fireworks and to *never* use fireworks while drinking."

The ILCC urges all those celebrating with alcohol this Fourth of July weekend to celebrate safely and responsibly.